



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

Dental Paper Released, Comments Accepted: Since the end of the 2013 legislative session, the Department of Human Services (DHS) staff has been working on strategies to implement the dental care component of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Due to timing limitations, DHS does not believe it has the ability to implement this program until approximately May 1, 2014. DHS is also proposing that it would delay the start of any dental benefits until this program could roll out approximately in May 2014. The strategy document is still a *draft*. DHS would like to receive your comments regarding this idea. **Please submit any comments to DHSIMEHealthandWellnesPlan@dhs.state.ia.us in the next month.** [Access the paper here.](#)

Medically Exempt Definition Posted, Comments Accepted: A working draft of the Medically Frail/Exempt definition has been posted for viewing and for comment. The document outlines categories of medical conditions that would qualify a Medicaid member as being medically frail/exempt. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is seeking comments on the document and definition. **If interested, please submit comments to DHSIMEHealthandWellnesPlan@dhs.state.ia.us by October 21, 2013.** [Access the definition document here.](#)

Reminder: Benefit Document and Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Manager Agreement Available: You can now [access a new document](#) outlining the benefits covered by the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Don't forget about the new [Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Manager Agreement](#) for providers wishing to become Patient Managers.

IowaCare Transition

IMPORTANT Information Regarding IowaCare Members: Any current IowaCare members looking for health care coverage beginning January 1, 2014, **are encouraged to wait for a letter that will tell them if they have already been determined eligible for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan beginning January 1, 2014.**

These letters will be mailed to IowaCare members in October through early November.

- IowaCare members who are eligible for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan will be automatically transferred to the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, so no application is needed.
- Only those members who are over the income limit for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan will be told that they need to apply, and given application instructions.

If an IowaCare member speaks to your organization about submitting an application, please encourage the member to wait until additional information is sent from DHS. Your help in

encouraging members to wait for the letter from DHS will stop duplicate records of the member's eligibility from being created if they are automatically eligible AND apply through HealthCare.gov.

Member Mailing Recently Completed: The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise recently notified members of the change in eligibility verification for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. All members received a letter the week of September 30 explaining that additional details on their potential eligibility for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan are yet to come. [Access the letter here.](#)

Health Insurance Marketplace

Marketplace Federal Resources: You can find a list of *Health Insurance Marketplace Resources* available on federal agency web sites [here](#). For those who still cannot register and get on HealthCare.gov, CMS/CCIIO has released an informative video on the [Marketplace Application and Enrollment Process](#).

Insurance Commissioner's Open Letter: Iowa Insurance Commissioner Nick Gerhart issued an open letter to consumers on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on October 1. Read that letter [here](#).

Health Insurance Marketplace Community Events: The Iowa Insurance Division has kicked off a series of community events throughout the state to help educate Iowans about their options for health care coverage and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Staff from the Iowa Insurance Division and Department of Human Services will present and answer questions at each event. [Look for an event in your community here.](#)

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